



Gourd Basket Workshop

Saturday, August 25th 10:00am

Prophetstown State Park

Perry Riley, Instructor

Workshop Cost \$40, Pre-registration Required

Join artist, re-enactor, and educator, Perry Riley, for a fun, interactive workshop about gourds – their functionality and artistic possibilities.



This class gives the participant a basic concept of gourd basketry made by coil weaving a rope on top of a hard shell gourd. Beginning with a pre-cut and pre-drilled gourd, participants will learn how to attach a rope onto the rim with a basic stitch pattern. The completed basket will be fully functional for a variety of applications. The gourd will have an unfinished surface and may be decorated later at your own convenience.

To register for this workshop, call the Prophetstown State Park office at 765-567-4919 or email the Interpretive Naturalist at amanuel@dnr.in.gov. All tools and supplies will be provided by the park.



To learn more about Perry Riley, visit his website at www.perryriley.com



Class content covered:

- brief overview of the gourd medium
- basic safety practices when working with gourds
- how to select the right quality and shapes for your project
- how to prepare your gourd: cleaning, cutting and drilling
- preparing the rope
- coil weaving the rope onto rim
- making the handle loop
- general care of gourds
- list of resources and suppliers of gourds